

Dear FCC Chairman Michael Powell,

The deregulation of the radio industry in 1996 was said to have the intent of *increasing* diversity in choice, programming, and ownership. In reality, it did no such thing. Since 1996 hundreds of once independently-owned stations were gobbled up by a few corporate giants. Those giants subsequently set to programming from central locations, removing much of the locality from radio. Radio jobs were eliminated, to the detriment of listeners accustomed to having local talent deliver local news and points of view. Regionality in music programming has almost completely disappeared.

Further deregulation would only contribute to this sad decline. That's why I support Senator Russ Feingold's anti-monopoly legislation, and why I am taking advantage of this opportunity for public comment.

I love radio, but far too many of the things that make me love radio are disappearing. Deregulation serves corporations, not listeners. Holders of broadcast licenses are obligated to serve the public interest, not the shareholder interest. Deregulation has accomplished NONE of the positive things that were promised back in 1996. I implore you to allow NO further deregulation of the industry. In fact, I would ask that you consider re-regulation, namely, the reinstatement of ownership caps.

Thank you,
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